

## State FY 2000 Regional Assistance Program (RAP) Approved Projects

Recipient	Award Amount	Project Description
Lower Chattahoochee RDC	\$30,000	RAP funds will be used for research to establish a base marketing knowledge in determining the existing visitors' profile, to provide tools needed for effective tourism promotion for the Presidential Pathways Travel Association. This Association consists of five MSA counties: Chattahoochee, Coweta, Fayette, Muscogee, and Spalding and 16 rural, economically distressed counties: Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Heard, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Pike, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Troup Upson and Webster.
Chatham County	\$100,000	RAP money will be used to complete all tasks necessary to position the CGGSC to acquire/secure the necessary property/right-of-way to complete the Coastal Georgia Greenway. Property acquisition will be funded separately. Tasks include Corridor ownership assessment to identify the most feasible, highest benefit, and lowest cost route, initial title research, perform limited appraisals on properties, etc.
Hart County	\$500,000	RAP funds will be used to purchase and develop Gateway Industrial Park, a planned technology-oriented industrial park. Hart and Franklin Counties are pursuing loans totaling \$700,000 from USDA-RD.
Development Authority of Haralson County	\$100,000	The Northwest Georgia Growth Management Initiative is to develop a common regional vision and strategy for managing growth and change.
Statesboro, City of	\$18,000	RAP funds will pay for a feasibility study for development of broadband telecommunications infrastructure to serve the Southeast Georgia region.
University of Georgia Tifton Campus	\$74,000	6 counties, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Tift and Turner, are coordinating efforts toward promoting tourism and foster economic development. The project will include the following objectives: assessment of existing facilities, attractions and methods to promote tourism in the six counties; creation of a comprehensive marketing strategy to promote tourism in the six-county region; and, monitor and evaluate the impact of the regional marketing strategy.
Okefenokee Area Development Authority	\$250,000	RAP funds will be used to provide water to a new industry, Claxton Poultry in the Blackshear/Pierce County Industrial Park. The proposed improvements include construction of a 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank, installation of approximately 9,500 LF of 12" water main; installation of approximately 3,000 LF of 10" water main; 8,500 LF of 6" force main. GEFA

		money will be used for the project.
North Georgia RDC	\$24,299	NGRDC and Southern Highroads Development Assoc. will produce a marketing product, a Self Guided Tour Cassette/Compact Disc which will contain an inventory of all the tourism attractions available throughout the six GA counties located along the route of the designated 340 mile Southern Highroads loop. The inventory will compile the history, natural resources, cultural and architectural aspects of the region.
Savannah Economic Development Authority	\$50,000	RAP funds will be used to do an assessment of current labor market conditions, jobs vacant, jobs needed, projected jobs needed, and what types of training would be needed for these jobs. GSU agreed to do the demographics for the study and asked Armstrong Atlantic State University to do the surveying. The study will cover all of GSU's 34-county service delivery area, which includes all of Region 12 and portions of Regions 7, 9 and 11.
Hinesville, City of	\$22,1367	Planning and engineering phase of the Wright Army Airfield co-use project in Hinesville.